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...IT'S NO USE

Lisa

...FOR ME

THERE'S NO TIME

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LONG TIME NO SEE, CECILY!

HAHA, YOU LOOK WELL

I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU COME TO THIS CITY AS THE MILITANT POWER'S ENVOY!

WE MEET AGAIN

DORIS

YEAH

SIR BLACKSMITH, WE INVITE YOU TO OUR MILITARY POWER

LET'S CUT TO THE CHASE

ALRIGHT, HOP IN,

WE'RE GOING!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION

HEEEH, THAT'S GOOD!

FOREIGN LANDS! IT'LL BE FUN

IT'S THE FIRST TIME FOR BOTH LISA AND ME TO CROSS THE BORDER

IT'S BEEN DECIDED THAT WE WILL EMBARK ON A TRIP TO THE MILITANT POWER

THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THEM TO EXCHANGE TECHNIQUES IN PREPARATION FOR COMPLETING THE SACRED SWORD, AS WELL AS TO STRENGTHEN COOPERATION

THAT'S HOW URGENT THE SITUATION IS FOR THE CONTINENT

TO RECEIVE A SECRET REQUEST FROM A MILITANT POWER...

BUT STILL, IT'S A BIG DEAL

IN ANY CASE, THE IDEA OF EXCHANGING TECHNIQUES HAS BEEN RAISED PREVIOUSLY AS WELL

I SAW IT AT THE CONFERENCE, CERTAINLY THE MILITARY POWER IS ALSO MAKING A "KATANA"

THE MILITANT POWER IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER NATIONS SEEKING PROFIT

OUR GOAL IS TO BEAT THE "BEAST" INTO SUBMISSION

SIGFRIED...

HE DISAPPEARED THE DAY FOLLOWING THAT B'ALL

BUT SOMEDAY, AGAIN

DOES THIS MEAN THE MAYOR HAS FINALLY MADE THIS DECISION BECALISE OF THE LATEST MOVES BY THE EMPIRE?

HOWEVER, THE CITY'S PRIORITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN "TO PROTECT THE INDEPEN-DENCE FROM EVERY NATION"

EH?

I'M SURE YOU'LL MAKE YOUR DETERMI-NATION INTO REALITY

STILL, FOR ME TO BE APPOINTED AS THE SOLE NEGOTIATOR...

IT'S A BIG ROLE TO PLAY...

DOES THAT MEAN I COME WITH LUKE AS A SET...?

I LOOK FORWARD TO IT

"I WILL MAKE IT A REALITY NO MATTER WHAT"

...THAT'S RIGHT

JUST WATCH ME

"I WILL SEAL VALBANILL WITHOUT A HITCH, AND CLEANLY SWEEP AWAY THE FATE THAT AWAITS MY FRIENDS"

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN BE TIMID WHEN TAKING ON A WHOLE COUNTRY!

SO THAT MY DETERMINATION DOESN'T REMAIN AS NOTHING BUT WORDS

I THINK THIS TRIP TO THE MILITANT POWER IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY

...SHE IS *THAT PERSON'S* MEMENTO FROM A DEAD PERSON

ALTHOUGH I UNDER-STAND THAT YOU'RE WORRIED

PLEASE GIVE IT A REST

WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME ACCOM-PANY THEM?

I WANTED A LITTLE MORE TIME BEFORE THOSE TWO MET...

LET'S LEAVE THIS TO THE YOUNGSTERS WHO HAVE A FUTURE

IT'S FATE

IN THAT CASE, WE'D JUST BE POSTPONING THE PROBLEM, AND WOULD COME TO REGRET IT

THE TWO SHALL MEET, AND ARE ALREADY BEGINNING TO MOVE ACCORDING TO THEIR OWN WILL

THE ONE WHO WILL FORGE THE "SACRED SWORD" AND THE ONE WHO WILL INHERIT THE "SHEATH"

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SHHH!

YOU'RE PRACTICING WITH YOUR SWORD AT THIS HOUR

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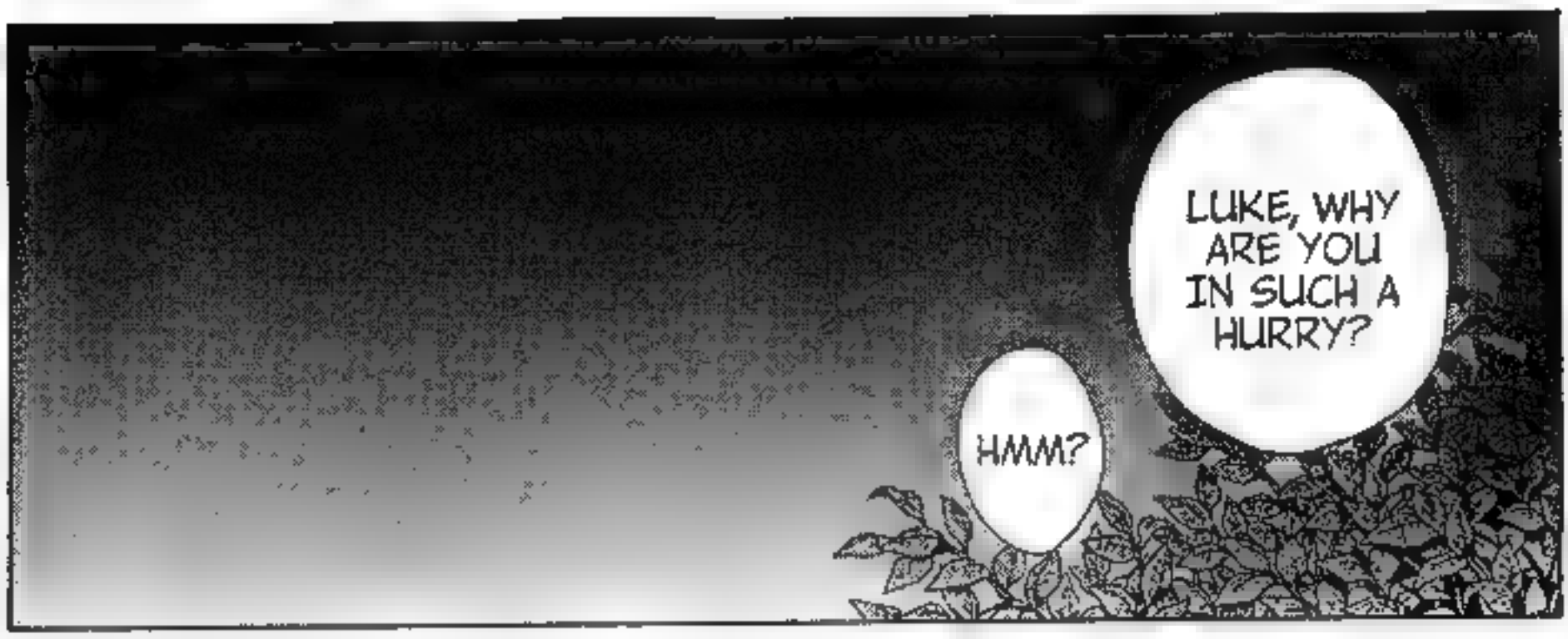


BECAUSE THE TIME OF VALBANILL'S REVIVAL IS APPROACHING

IS THERE SOMETHING GOING ON?

THE INVITATION YOU KEPT DECLINING UNTIL NOW, WAS FINALLY ACCEPTED

BEFORE THIS TRIP TOO, YOU WERE SHUT IN YOUR WORKSHOP ALL THE TIME

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO ASK YOU.

THAT BOTH OF US WILL KEEP ON GOING INTO OBLIVION TOGETHER■"

"WE HAVE ONCE SWORN, HAVEN'T WE?"

"BESIDES WE'VE ALREADY THROWN OUR LOT WITH EACH OTHER."

"THAT DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION FOR IS A CHANGE-LING FROM LISA"

SIEGFRIED SAID

JAAA

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF "GOING INTO OBLIVION TOGETHER" WITH LISA?

CON-SUMES LISA'S FLESH

TRUE, THAT POWER

THAT BASTARD

BESIDES, LISA HERSELF AGREES TO THIS

BUT IT'S MINIMAL

EVEN IF I MAKE ANOTHER HUNDRED, LISA'S APPEARANCE WON'T CHANGE

THAT'S WHY THOSE KATANAS ARE BRITTLE

IT'S REALLY A TINY BIT

SO THERE'S REALLY NO NEED TO BE WORRIED!

I SEE! I'M RELIEVED

IS A DAMNED LIE

I WAS DECEIVED

SO THEN, LUKE ONE-SIDEDLY FORCING A SACRIFICE ON LISA

THERE AREN'T THAT MANY SWORDSMEN AS SKILLED AS YOU ON THE WHOLE CONTINENT

IT'S BEAUTI-FUL

I HONESTLY ADMIRE YOU

YOU'VE PROBABLY ACCUMU-LATED A LOT OF PRACTICE

IT'S NOT!

IT WAS REALLY AMAZING

THAT'S QUITE AN EXAG-GERA-TION

BUT AFTER THAT INCIDENT

I REGRET-TED IT

I LEARNED EVERYTHING FROM MY FATHER

I FOUND IT TOO TROUBLE-SOME, AND KEPT SKIPPING SWORD PRACTICE

"SOMEONE WHO IS A BLACKSMITH MUST LEARN HOW TO HANDLE A WEAPON AS WELL"

MY FATHER KEPT SAYING EVERY DAY

.....

I SEE..

I'M KEEPING IT UP EVEN NOW

SO, RE-CALLING THE FORMS THAT WERE TAUGHT TO ME

LIKE THAT TIME...

WHAT'S WRONG?

WE'RE ALONE

EH!?

I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY

YEAH

IT ISN'T ANY-THING IN PARTICU-LAR...

UH

NO

WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO!?

WELL, WE CAN'T DO IT WHILE SITTING DOWN

WH-WH-WHAT IS IT!?

THIS IS PERFECT

I'VE BEEN THINKING OF DOING THAT TOO

ARE YOU READY?

THEN...

"IT'S AN ORDER. DANCE WITH ME."

IT'S SOMETHING YOU CAN'T DO WHILE SITTING DOWN!?

Y-YES!

.....

LET'S HAVE A PRACTICE FIGHT

NO REASON!

? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO UNHAPPY ALL OF A SUDDEN?

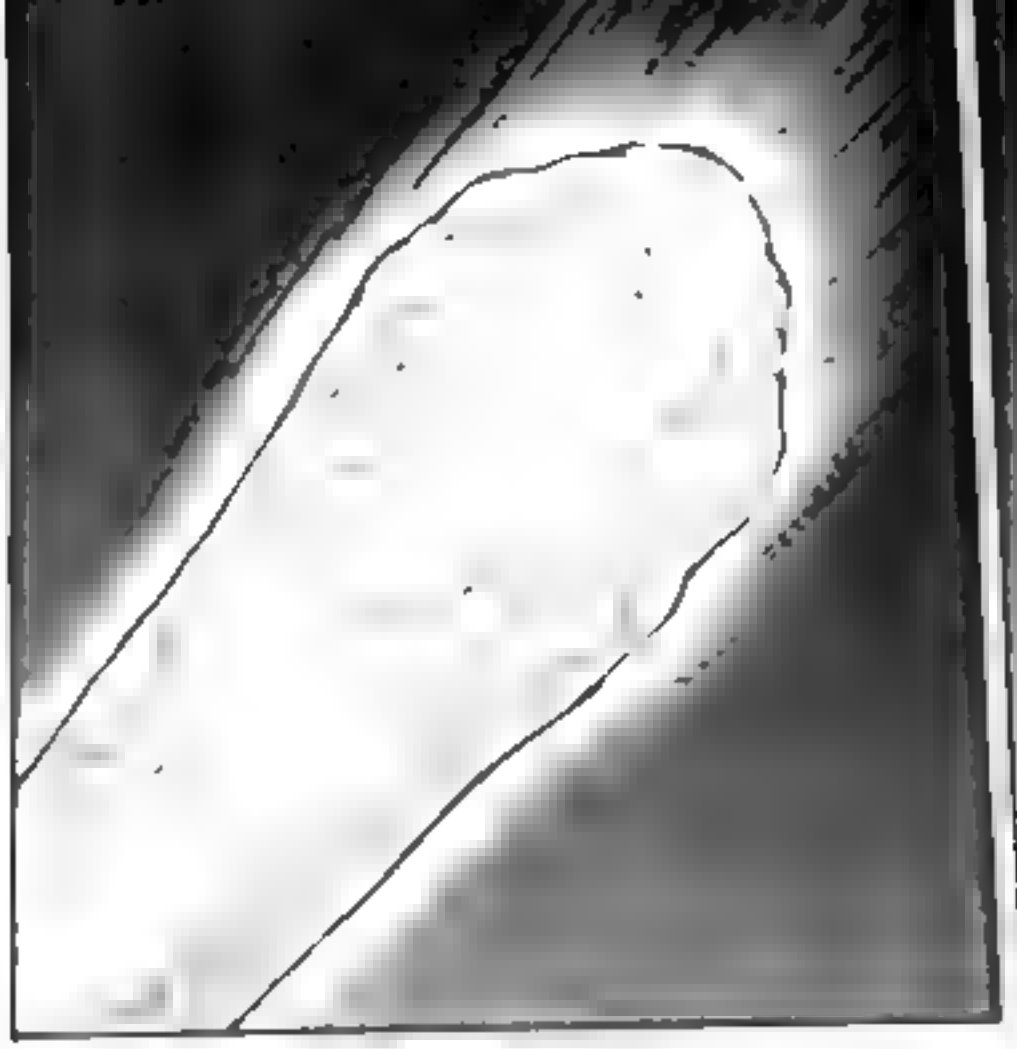
IF YOU HIT ME EVEN ONCE, YOU WIN

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

TRY AND HIT ME ONCE

...COCKY, AREN'T YOU?

HERE I GO!



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...!!

YOUR SENSES AREN'T BAD

YOU HAD SOME FRI-GHT-ENING ATTACKS TOO

I... LOSE

I'M THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE FIGHT AGAINST

EH?

I HAVE TO TELL YOU THOUGH, YOU'RE A TALENTED TYPE

THAT'S DEMONS AND UNHUMANS

NO

YOU'VE BEEN TAKING DOWN CREATURES THAT WOULD'VE NORMALLY KILLED YOU

YOU'VE BEEN DEALING WITH OPPONENTS THAT AREN'T ORDINARY

AT LEAST, YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH STRONGER THAN BEFORE

YOU'RE STRONG

HAVE MORE CONFIDENCE

LUKE IS ACKNOWLEDGING ME

I'M HAPPY...

BUT

WHICH IS IT!?

ARE YOU PRAISING ME OR CRITICI-ZING ME!?

GAIN A BIRD'S EYE VIEW, AND GRASP YOUR OPPONENT WITH THE ENTIRE BODY, NOT JUST ONE PART

BUT YOUR FIELD OF VIEW IS TOO NARROW

C-NOTE: BTW THAT BUBBLE WAS EMPTY IN THE ORIGINAL

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FORGING THE SACRED SWORD?

...ME TOO

I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO MORE NOW

I BELIEVE IN THE LATENT POWER OF THE MAN THAT IS YOU

I BELIEVE IN YOUR SKILL, LUKE

..WHY'S THAT?

I THINK YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT

DON'T YOU HAVE THE CONFIDENCE?

...HUH?

YOU'LL SURELY SUCCEED

SO YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT

BUT AREN'T YOU GOING TOO FAR, CONSIDER-ING IT'S ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE?

THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN MY SKILL

CAN'T YOU DO IT?

CAN'T YOU DO IT?

LUKE AINSWORTH

WHEN I TALK TO YOU, THE THINGS THAT TROUBLE ME START TO LOOK SILLY...

HOW RUDE

YOU'RE SAYING THIS LIKE I'M SO SIMPLE

AT LEAST BE AWARE OF THAT

I CAN

OBVIOUSLY

I BELIEVE IN YOU, LUKE

IS

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GUH...!

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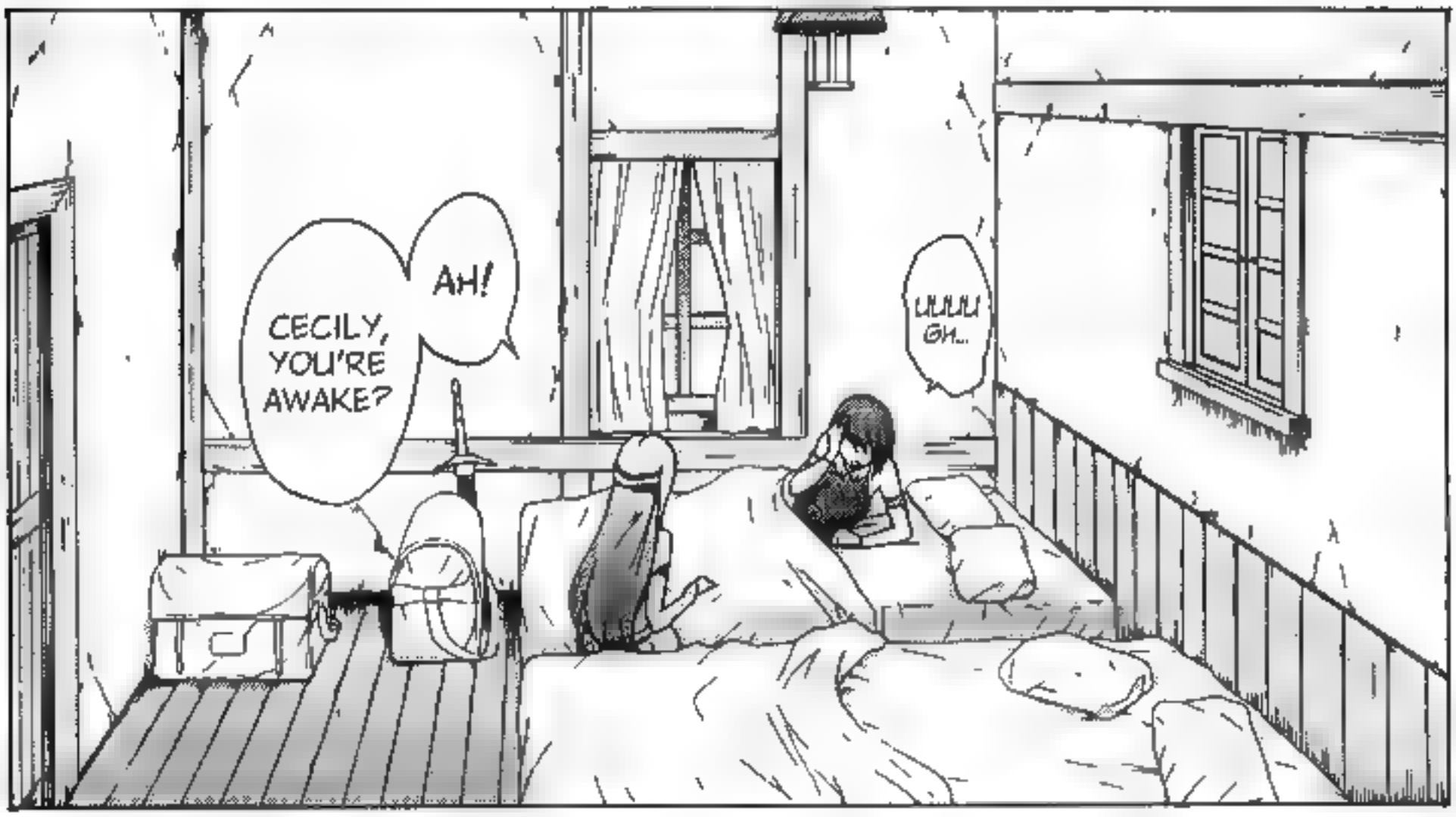
AH!
CECILY, YOU'RE AWAKE?
UUUUU OH...

HUH!?

WHY DID YOU ATTACK US?

WHERE'S THE ASSAS-SIN!?

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

JUST

WHAT IS GOING ON?

IF YOU CAN WALK ALREADY, YOU MUST BE ALRIGHT, CECILY-SAN

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

...LUKE DEFEATED THE ASSASSIN WHO KNOCKED YOU OUT COLD.

.....

AT LEAST ORIGI-NALLY...

YES

IT'S A GUESS, BUT I THINK SHE'S FROM THE CROWD POWER

THANKS LUKE

AND SHE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE

HASN'T SPOKEN A WORD-

BECAUSE THERE'S A BRAND ON HER ARM THAT SIGNIFIES HER SOCIAL STATUS AS A SLAVE

MOST LIKELY, SHE'S A DOG INDIRECTLY KEPT BY THE EMPIRE

SLAVE...!?

AMONG THEM, THERE ARE SMALL NATIONS THAT TURN THEIR OWN CITIZENS INTO SLAVES AND SELL THEM FOR PROFIT

IT IS SAID THAT SOME OF THEM ARE IN CAHOOTS WITH THE EMPIRE

THE CROWD POWER IS A LAND THAT MIXES IN A MULTITUDE OF SMALL RACES AND PEOPLES

WHY DID SHE ATTACK US..?

JUST BEING BORN IN THAT COUNTRY AUTOMATI-CALLY GIVES YOU THE SOCIAL STANDING OF A SLAVE

IT DOES SOUND UN-BELIEVABLE, BUT IT'S THE TRUTH

IMPOS-SIBLE..

A COUN-TRY.. SELLS SLAVES?

TO SAVE MY COUN-TRY!!

IF I KILLED YOU, I WAS PROMISED THAT MY COUNTRY WOULD BE MADE INDE-PENDENT!!

THEN YOU TELL ME!

CAN THE EMPIRE FULFILL THAT!? A COUNTRY THAT WOULD SEND ASSAS-SINS LIKE YOURSELF!?

THAT IS ABSURD!

THERE ISN'T, IS THERE!?

IS THERE ANY-THING ELSE!?

TRY AND SAVE IT!

TELL ME A WAY TO SAVE MY COUNTRY!

KILL ME AND MAKE THIS END!!

KILL ME!

!

I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK. COULD YOU LEAVE HER BE?

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

IS IT SYMPATHY?

IS IT PITY?

---I CAN'T SAY IT'S WRONG

HOWEVER...

SINCE YOU WERE THE LOSER

OR IS IT MERELY TO MAKE YOU FEEL *SUPERIOR?*

IT CERTAINLY IS STRANGE TO MECHANICALLY PASS DOWN A DEATH SEN-TENCE ON HER

IT SHOWS LACK OF THOUGHT

PLEASE ABANDON YOUR PREJUDICE

I CAN'T CON-SENT

SHE IS A FINE CRIMINAL

BUT THERE WAS NO POINTLESS LOSS OF LIFE

PLEASE GRANT THIS FAVOR AND LET HER BE

HER ACTIONS WERE MISGUIDED, BUT SHE ONLY FOUGHT FOR THE SAKE OF HER COUNTRY

THAT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH.

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SHE WAS ABOUT TO KILL YOU, WASN'T SHE!?

IS THAT EVEN SANE, CECILY-SAN?

EVERYONE IN THIS INN IS PRESENTLY ALIVE

GIVE UP AND DO AS CECILY SAYS

IF YOU DON'T, OUR DEAL IS OFF

WHA...!?

EVEN SIR BLACK-SMITH!

AREVIY IRVING_

...

"YOU'RE STRONG AT LEAST, YOU'VE GOTTEN MUCH STRONGER THAN BEFORE"

THANK YOU, LUKE

I'M STILL WEAK---...

THAT'S NOT TRUE...

AND THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

FWAAAH...

IT'S SO HIGH!

ON THE SENVENTH DAY SINCE ENTERING THE MILITANT POWER'S TERRI-TORY---

THE PARTY HAS FINALLY REACHED THE MILITANT POWER'S CAPITAL CITY

THE MILITANT POWER'S CAPITAL IS A GIGANTIC FORTRESS CITY SURROUNDED BY THREE RINGS OF WALLS

FIELDS STRETCHED OUT BEYOND THE FIRST WALL

PASSING THROUGH IT LED ONE TO THE CASTLE TOWN

THE SECOND WALL

ALSO, THIS MILITANT POWER IS RULED BY ZENOBIA-SAMA, A WOMAN WHO HAS ATTAINED THE GOVERNORSHIP SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR

WELL, WE SHOULD GET SOMETHING TO EAT FIRST AS WELL

I'M SORRY, DORIS

IT'S QUITE BUSTLING HERE

MANY OF THE MILITANT POWER FOLK ARE STURDY IN SPIRIT, AND THEY EAT NOTHING BUT MEAT

I'M DROOLING

THE SMELL OF ABURI YAKI!

BUT CAN'T WE GO GREET THAT ZENOBIA-SAMA RIGHT NOW?

HEH?

I UNDERSTAND I'LL LEAD YOU

I KNOW IT'S SUDDEN, BUT I'D LIKE TO BE TAKEN TO THE "SACRED SWORD" WORKSHOP OR WHATEVER IT IS

TRUE, IT'S BETTER TO GET THE CONVERSATION OUT OF THE WAY EARLY

AFTER THE LONG JOURNEY, WE ALL HAVE A FOUL ODOR

YES

PREPARATIONS?

BUT, SOME PREPARATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR ALL OF YOU BEFORE THAT

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WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN SO LONG, AND IT'S THAT AGAIN!

AS ALWAYS, THEY'RE SO BIG, CECILY!

MARGOT

PENELOPE

THAT'S RIGHT! SHE REALLY LIKES CHARLOTTE-SAMA, WHO SHE APPOINTED A STEWARD

YOU CAN RELAX, ZENOBIA-SAMA IS A VERY GOOD PERSON

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YOU'LL BE FACING THE VERY TOP OF THIS COUN-TRY!

WAH, HOLD ON!

..WAIT, YOU'RE GOING TO WASH ME EVEN THERE!?

THAT'S RIGHT!

UHYAA AAAA!!

WE HAVE TO GET YOU VERY CLEAN!

I'M GLAD THEY'RE BOTH SMILING THEY'VE ADAPTED THEMSELVES TO THE MILITANT POWER WELL.

BOTH OF THEM ARE VERY FRIENDLY WITH EACH OTHER

I'M A BIT JEAL-OUS

YEAH..

COULD THERE BE A TRAITOR?

PLEASE BE CARE-FUL

BY THE WAY, I HEARD YOU WERE ATTACKED?

THIS IS YOUR ERA!

YOU LOOK WONDERFUL!

AS I THOUGHT, IT SUITS YOU PERFECTLY!

IT SEEMS YOU ARE READY FOR THE AUDIENCE

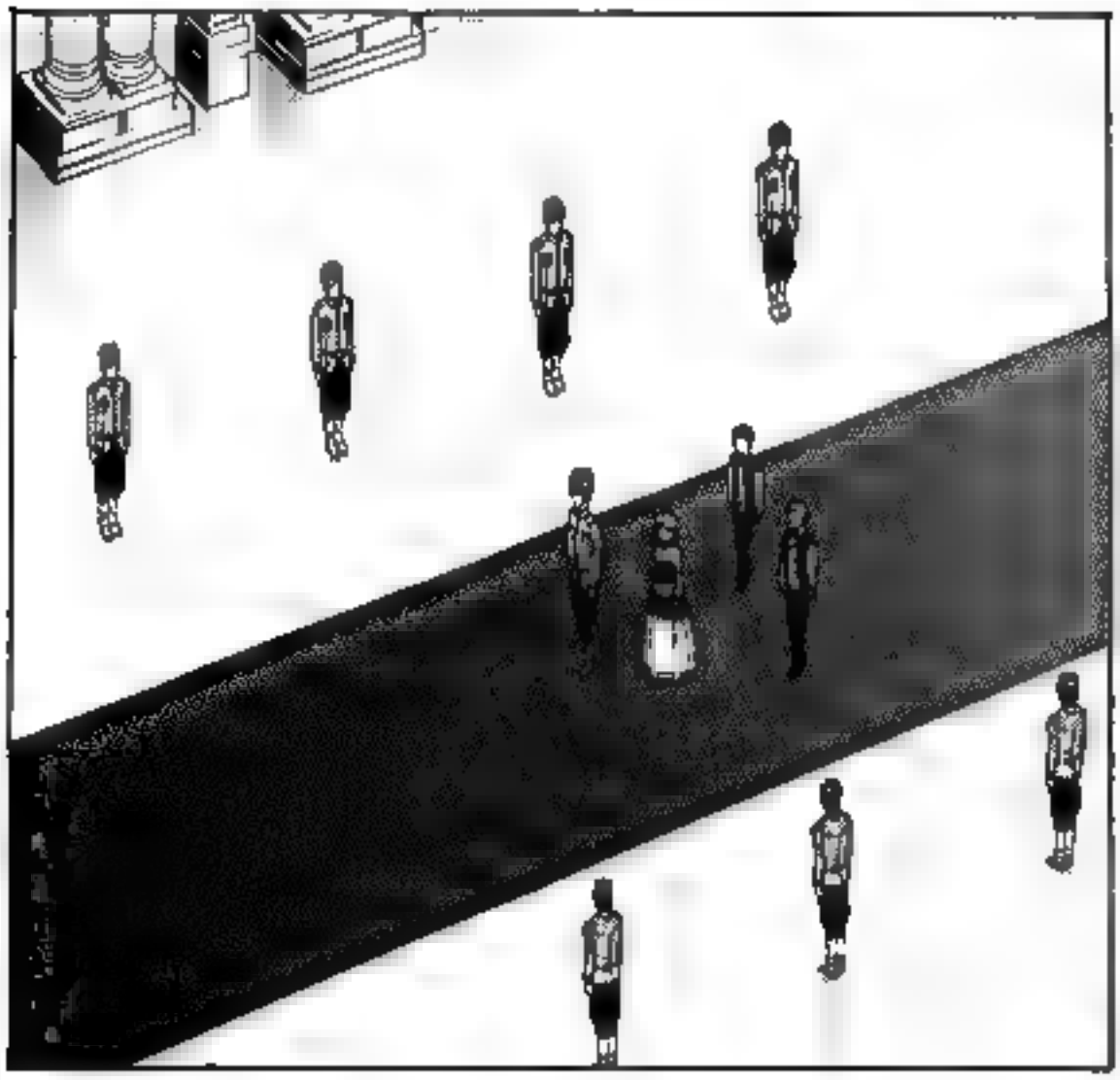
HARVEY BLETHYN

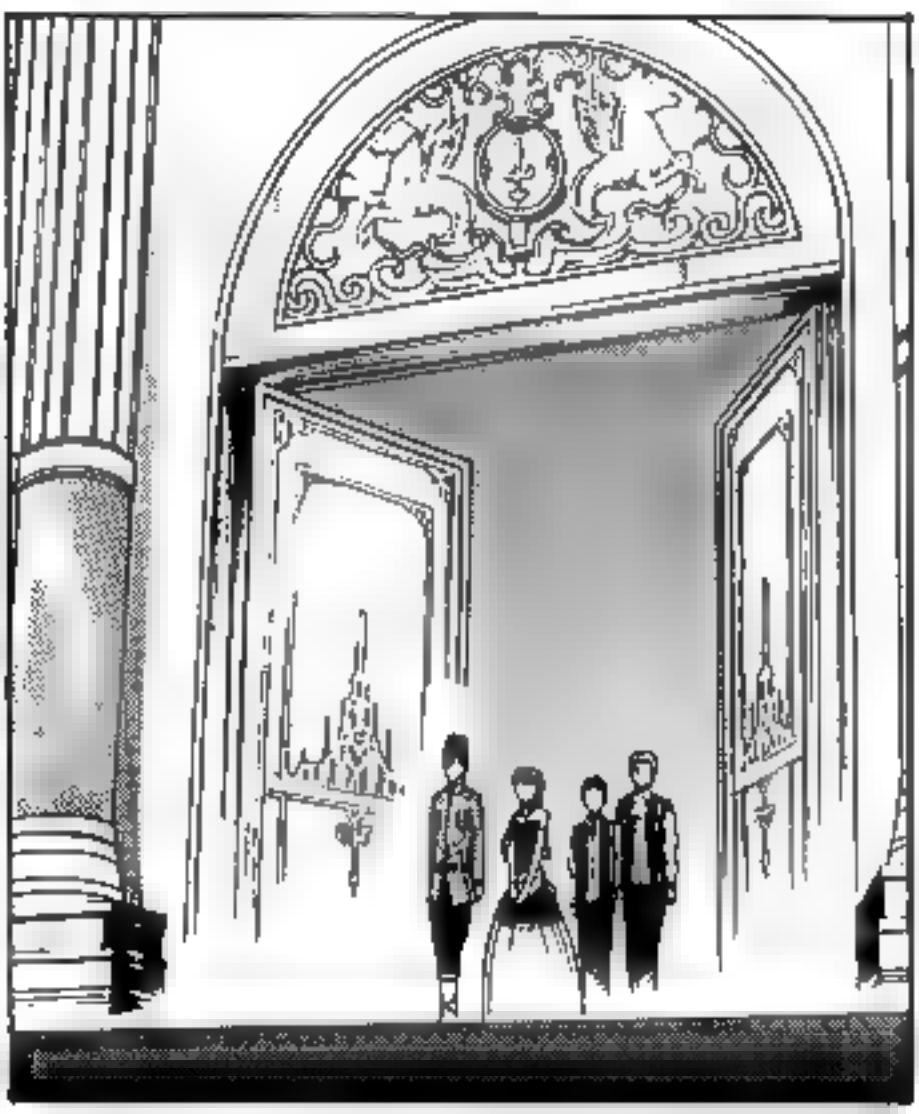
COMMANDER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT KNIGHT GUARDS ACCOMPANIED THEM AS AN ENVOY

I'M FACING THE VERY TOP OF THIS COUNTRY---

BUT DON'T HESITATE!

I'M STILL POWERLESS, SO I CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE IT EASY!





EH?

IN OUR MILITARY POWER IT IS RECOMMENDED TO SALUTE WHILE STANDING UPRIGHT

PLEASE RAISE YOUR HEADS

UH

ALSO, YOU ARE OUR IMPORTANT GUESTS

YOU'VE HAD A LONG AND ARDUOUS JOURNEY

WELCOME TO THE MILITANT POWER. YOU ARE CECILY, AREN'T YOU?

OUR PEOPLE FONDLY CALL US "LITTLE QUEEN"

OUR NAME IS ZENOBIA Q. LANCHESTER

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UH UMM...

ARE YOU FROM THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES?

I AM ZENOBIA-SAMA'S ADVISOR AND TUTOR

IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WOULD ASK YOU TO TELL ME ABOUT YOUR CITY?

MY HOBBY IS TO STUDY THE CONTI-NENT'S HIS-TORY

ERRRM

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FROM WHAT WE HEARD, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED THIS REFUGE TO THEM

ABOUT THE CASE OF CHARLOTTE'S ASYLUM

TRULY, THANK YOU

WE ARE DELIGHTED AT HAVING BEEN BLESSED WITH SISTERS OF THE SAME AGE

WE DON'T HAVE ANY SIBLINGS

UH WELL...

I SHOULD THANK YOU FOR GRANTING THEM ASYLUM...

AND NOW!

LET US PROCEED TO THE ISSUE AT HAND

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AS A MATTER OF COURTESY, WE WILL EXPLAIN OUR THINKING FIRST

EVERYTHING IS PREMISED UPON SIR BLACKSMITH'S COOPERATION

YES

ABOUT THE WORST UNHUMAN IN THE CONTINENT'S HISTORY, VALBANILL

IN THE END, OUR OBJECTIVE IS *COMPLETE SUPPRESSION OF THE BEAST*

THE MILITANT POWER SEES VALBANILL MERELY AS AN EVIL INFLUENCE THAT CASTS THE CONTINENT INTO DISORDER WITHOUT PROVIDING ANY BENEFITS

WE BELIEVE THAT *"THE SACRED SWORD"* IS REQUIRED FOR THAT

THAT IS PRECISELY WHY THE SACRED SWORD CAN BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THE BEAST

IT IS SAID THAT THE SACRED SWORD'S POWER TO DISPEL EVIL WAS USED TO SEVER THE SPIRITS

AS HAS BEEN EXPLAINED IN THE RESEARCH NOTES OF THE ORIGINAL HOUSMAN, THOSE SAME SPIRITS ARE WORKERS WHO PROVIDE VALBANILL WITH SUSTENANCE AND ENABLE IT TO LIVE ON

THE BEAST IS MOST KNOWN FOR CONTINUING TO SPEW OUT SPIRITS IN UNLIMITED QUANTITIES BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND...

UTTERLY BEYOND THE PALE OF LIFE, ISN'T IT...?

IT'S LIKE PERPETUAL MOTION

WHETHER THE REFORGING OF THE SACRED SWORD IS TRULY POSSIBLE...

OUR ONLY CONCERN IS...

!

THUS, WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT HOW TO COPE WITH THAT

IN FACT, WHAT IF WE SUPPOSE THAT THE REPLICA IS THE MAIN WEAPON?

EVEN IF WE WERE TO BORROW HIS POWER, IN THE END IT WOULD PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE NOTHING MORE THAN A REPLICA OF THE SACRED SWORD

THANK YOU FOR THE TROUBLE OF COMING ALL THE WAY HERE

SIR BLACKSMITH HIMSELF HAS ADMITTED AT THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE IN THE CITY THAT THE SACRED SWORD'S COMPLETION IS STILL FAR OFF

_HOW IS THAT?

AND WHAT IF WE HAD *TWO* REPLICAS?

BUT WE COULD AT LEAST WOUND IT WITH A REPLICA OF THE SACRED SWORD.

WE CAN'T SEVER THE BEAST WITH A SINGLE REPLICA

FOUR REPLICAS?

THAT'S RIGHT. THE NUMBER OF SACRED SWORD REPLICAS REACHING INTO THE HUNDREDS— OUR MILITANT POWER BELIEVES THAT WE CAN PUT DOWN THE BEAST WITH SHEER NUMBERS

TEN, FIFTY... OVER ONE HUNDRED OF THEM?

WE WILL MAKE THE BLAIR VOLCANO DORMANT

AS FOR THE MEASURES TO DEAL WITH THE AFTER SHOCKS OF THE SUPPRESSION

BUT THAT IS A TOPIC FOR ANOTHER TIME BE IT AS IT MAY, WE AWAIT SIR BLACKSMITH'S DECISION

WE REQUESTED SIR BLACKSMITH'S ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO ELEVATE THE QUALITY OF OUR REPLICAS

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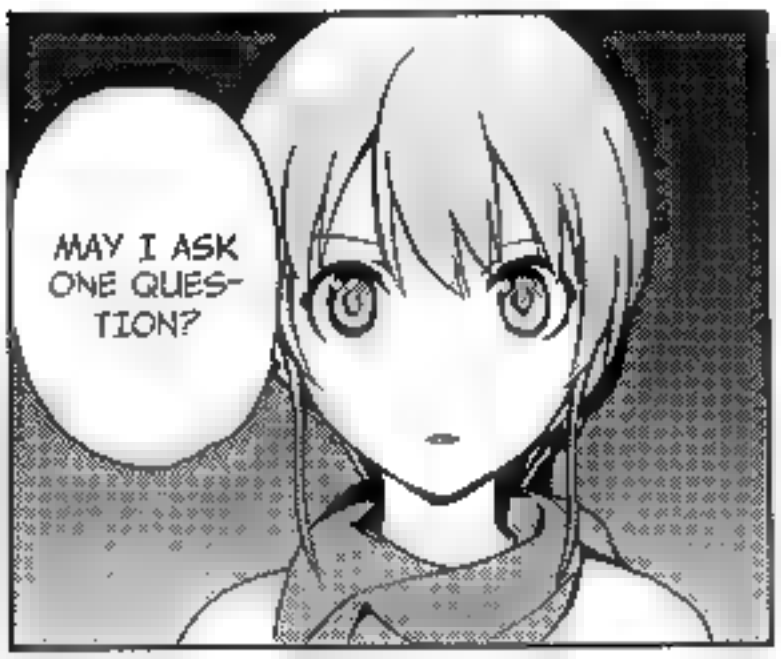
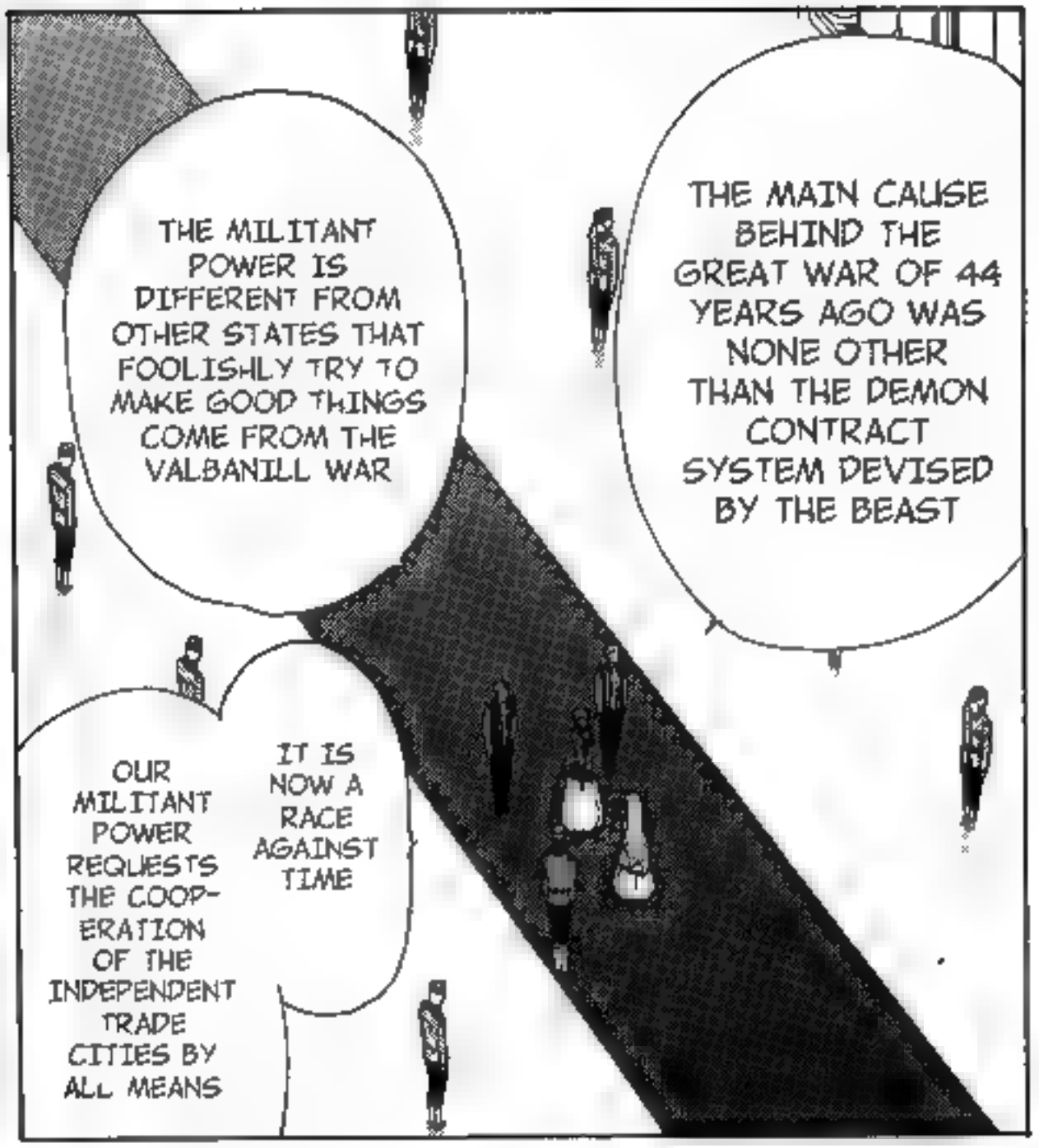
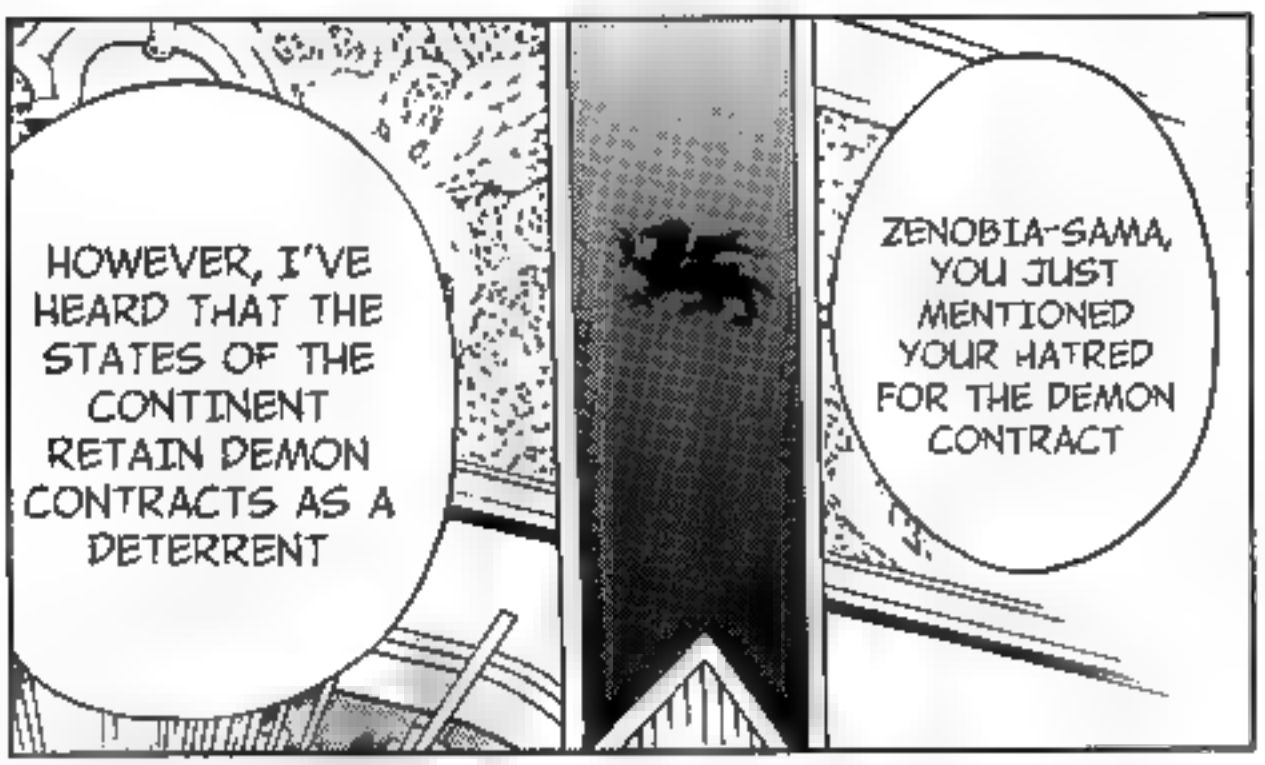

MAY I ASK ONE QUES-TION?


THE MILITANT POWER IS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STATES THAT FOOLISHLY TRY TO MAKE GOOD THINGS COME FROM THE VALBANILL WAR
THE MAIN CAUSE BEHIND THE GREAT WAR OF 44 YEARS AGO WAS NONE OTHER THAN THE DEMON CONTRACT SYSTEM DEVISED BY THE BEAST
OUR MILITANT POWER REQUESTS THE COOP-ERATION OF THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES BY ALL MEANS
IT IS NOW A RACE AGAINST TIME


HOWEVER, I'VE HEARD THAT THE STATES OF THE CONTINENT RETAIN DEMON CONTRACTS AS A DETERRENT
ZENOBIA-SAMA, YOU JUST MENTIONED YOUR HATRED FOR THE DEMON CONTRACT

WHY, YOU MAY ASK ANY-THING

...!

I WONDER IF YOUR COUNTRY IS DOING THE SAME...

I CAN'T TRUST ANY COUNTRY THAT HOARDS SUCH A ROTTEN POWER AS THE DEMON CONTRACT

AHOY, CRAFTSMEN! I'VE BROUGHT THE BLACKSMITH I TOLD YOU ABOUT

CAN YOU LET US INSIDE?

_WE CAN'T LET HIM INSIDE

I'M SORRY, PORTIS-SAN

!?

SO HE SHOWS UP---!!

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THAT!?

HA HA HA!

OUR SKILLS ARE WHAT WE HAVE

WE'LL MAKE THE SAUVO SWORD WITH OUR OWN HANDS

EVEN IF IT'S AN ORDER FROM THE LITTLE QUEEN, WE CAN'T OBEY

WE HAVE OUR PRIDE TOO

PLEASE RETURN HOME AT ONCE

BOY, WE'RE SORRY THAT YOU HAD TO TRAVEL ALL THE WAY HERE, BUT WE DON'T NEED YOUR HELP

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THE IMPERIAL CAPITAL

HAIL!

HAIL HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY!

GLORY TO THE EMPIRE!

YOUR MAJESTY...

THE CONTINENTAL LAW COMMITTEE WILL CERTAINLY ACKNOWLEDGE THIS TREATY

OUR EMPIRE AND THE CROWD POWER HAVE EXCHANGED A BLOOD CONTRACT!

WE WILL SAFEGUARD ONE CONTINENT, UNDER ONE RULE, WITH ONE PEACE!

WE HEREBY DECLARE THE FOUNDATION OF THE "IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER"

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THEY'VE BEEN PREPARED PER INSTRUCTIONS

IS IT CONFIRMED THAT THE BLACKSMITH IS VISITING THE MILITANT NATION?

WHAT ABOUT THE UNHU-MANS?

SOLDIER OF THE EMPIRE

FRANCISCA

THE CROWD POWER REPRESENTATIVE

LANCELOT DOUGLAS

SHOULD I PREPARE A WOMAN FOR YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH?

IT IS TRULY A JOYOUS DAY

BUT REALLY, THIS IS JOYOUS

I'LL RESUPPLY DEATH ROW PRISONERS FOR COMBAT TRAINING USE LATER ON

A STOIC TYPE KUKUKU

HER RESTORATION WORK HAS ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED

HOW'S EVADNE?

SORRY, I DON'T NEED THAT

THE CROWD POWER IS A MULTI-ETHNIC COUNTRY, SO WE HAVE SOME RACES FOR THAT AS WELL

...SIEGFRIED-SAMA, PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL TO NOT BE SWAYED BY THE WORDS OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT

HOWEVER

YES, I WILL CARRY OUT MY MISSION WITHOUT FAIL

THANK YOU. AS PLANNED, I WILL ENTRUST THAT CASE TO YOU. I WILL ARRIVE LATER.

WHILE IT MAY BE PRESUMPTUOUS OF ME, I MUST ADVISE THAT IT DOESN'T BEFIT YOU, SIEGFRIED-SAMA

THE OBSCENE AND LOWLY SOLICITATIONS OF "PREPARING A WOMAN FOR YOU"

..WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

THAT YOU WILL NEVER YIELD TO SUCH TEMPTATION HENCEFORTH

WHY?

I KNOW THAT, BUT I WOULD LIKE A FIRM PROMISE

FIRM PROM-ISE?

AND I'M SURE YOU KNOW AS WELL ---I'M NEITHER A MAN NOR A WOMAN

I TURNED HIM DOWN, DIDN'T I?

IF I DON'T WISH FOR THAT.

?

..WELL, FINE. I PROMISE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T WISH FOR THAT..

IT WILL GIVE ME STRENGTH

IT'S ABSO-LUTE

...IS IT ABSOLUTE?

.....

AND NOW I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE

I HAVE YOUR FIRM PROMISE

WHY AREN'T YOU BROKEN?

"I'D RATHER YOU VANISHED"

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT WHEN I LET GO OF YOU, **AND YET YOU CAME BACK**

NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOUR BLADE IS **CHIPPED**, NO MATTER HOW MANY **CRACKS** YOU SUSTAIN, YOU COME BACK IN YOUR **ORIGINAL FORM**

EVADNE IS A DEMON SWORD

BECAUSE WHEN WITH YOU BREAK— WHY DO YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME?

EVADNE'S FLAME EXISTS TO SCORCH VALBANLL

EVADNE BELONGS TO YOU

EVADNE WILL PURSUE YOU...

...NO MATTER WHERE YOU GO

....I CAN'T BE SAVED

EVERYTHING IS GOING SMOOTHLY... IF I MAY SAY THAT

PROBABLY FOR AS LONG AS I LIVE

YES. HIS IMPERIAL MAJESTY IS ALREADY *NOTHING BUT OUR PUPPET.*

BUT THE EMPIRE IS *OURS* NOW

LOOKS LIKE IT...

THAT'S WHY I'LL BREAK HER, NO MATTER WHAT

AND NOW,
LET US CONQUER
THE CONTINENT

SIEGFRIED
HOUSMAN

TCH!

THE MILITANT NATION

CECILY, YOU SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT!?

CHARLOTTE FIROBISHER

WE ARE NOW NEGOTIATING EXHAUSTIVELY UNTIL BOTH PARTIES COME TO AN AGREEMENT

IT SOUNDS LIKE CECILY

SHE IS TRULY A SPIRITED GIRL, LIKE A FLAME

THAT'S WHAT WE LIKED ABOUT HER!

ha ha ha

DIDN'T YOU SAY WE'D ACT LIKE SISTERS?

..WE ARE THE LITTLE QUEEN!

HMM..

PLEASE RUB MY SHOULDERS!

YEAH YEAH

SHOULDN'T IT BE "PLEASE RUB *MY* SHOULDERS" ZENOBIA?

HEY, CHAR-LOTTE! RUB OUR SHOUL-DERS!

THE CITY WHO WANTS TO *"RE-SEAL"* VALBANILL, AND THE MILITANT NATION WHO WANTS TO *"SUPPRESS"* IT

BUT IN THE END, THERE IS NO CONTRACTION IN WHAT BOTH PARTIES ARE SAYING

HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE COMPLETION OF THE SACRED SWORD, THE *"RE-SEALING"* AND *THE MAINTENANCE OF THE STATUS QUO,* AS THE CITY INSISTS, AREN'T POSSIBLE EITHER

AND SIR BLACKSMITH, THE ONE WHO'S ESSENTIAL HERE~~..

AFTER THE SUPPRESSION, EVEN IF WE RENDER THE BLAIR VOLCANO DORMANT THROUGH OUR PRAYER CONTRACT RESEARCH~~~

IF THE SPIRITS ARE NOT BEING SPEWED OUT ANYMORE, ARIA AND OTHER DEMON SWORDS WILL BE UNABLE TO EXIST, AND THE CITY'S LIFE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTINUE

THAT'S TRUE

WHAT'S GOING ON, ZENOBIA?

...BUT HASN'T IT BEEN SEVERAL DAYS ALREADY THAT HE HASN'T BEEN ALLOWED INTO THE WORKSHOP?

HMM...

RIGHT

IF LUKE CAN FORGE THE SACRED SWORD, EVERYTHING WILL BE RESOLVED

THE FORGING TECHNIQUES FOR THE "SACRED SWORD" HAVE BEEN PASSED DOWN FROM FATHER TO SON

IT'S TRUE THAT SIR LUKE AINSWORTH IS PRESENTLY THE RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR TO THEM

BUT THERE ARE THOSE WHO HAVE STOLEN THOSE TECHNIQUES IN THE PAST, IMPROVED UPON THEM, AND SUBLIMATED THEM AS ANOTHER KIND OF FORGING TECHNIQUE---

WE ARE TRULY SORRY FOR HAVING PROPOSED THIS

.....

WE MUST DO SOMETHING ALREADY

THEY ARE... *THE MILITANT NATION'S SACRED SWORD-SMITHS?*

CORRECT

THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE LUKE, WHO IS THE RIGHTFUL SUCCESSOR

THERE'S PRIDE INVOLVED TOO...

HE IS THE SACRED BLACKSMITH

I WANT TO HAVE A FINAL SETTLEMENT WITH MY PAST WITHOUT RUNNING AWAY!

THEY MIGHT REMAIN HERE, THE TECH-NIQUES THAT I INHERITED SO IMPER-FECTLY...

I...

THE TECHNIQUES THAT I RANDOMLY INHERITED FROM MY FATHER WEREN'T NEARLY ENOUGH TO MAKE THE SACRED SWORD

...PLEASE

TEACH THEM TO ME...

A KATANA'S *AESTHETIC VALUE*, ITS *PRESENCE*

ITS *SHARP-NESS*

YOU MUST KNOW, AS ANOTHER BLACKSMITH

IT'S NO USE

NO MATTER HOW LONG YOU STAY LIKE THIS..

...I WANT TO FORGE THE "SACRED SWORD"

I MUST FORGE IT...!!

SO PLEASE CAST ASIDE YOUR USELESS FIXATION

YOU MUST KNOW...

THE JOY THAT MAKES YOU TREMBLE AFTER YOU FORGE A SWORD!

PLEASE

THERE'S NO TIME

LISA...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... "THERE'S NO TIME"?

LUKE...?

WILL NO LONGER
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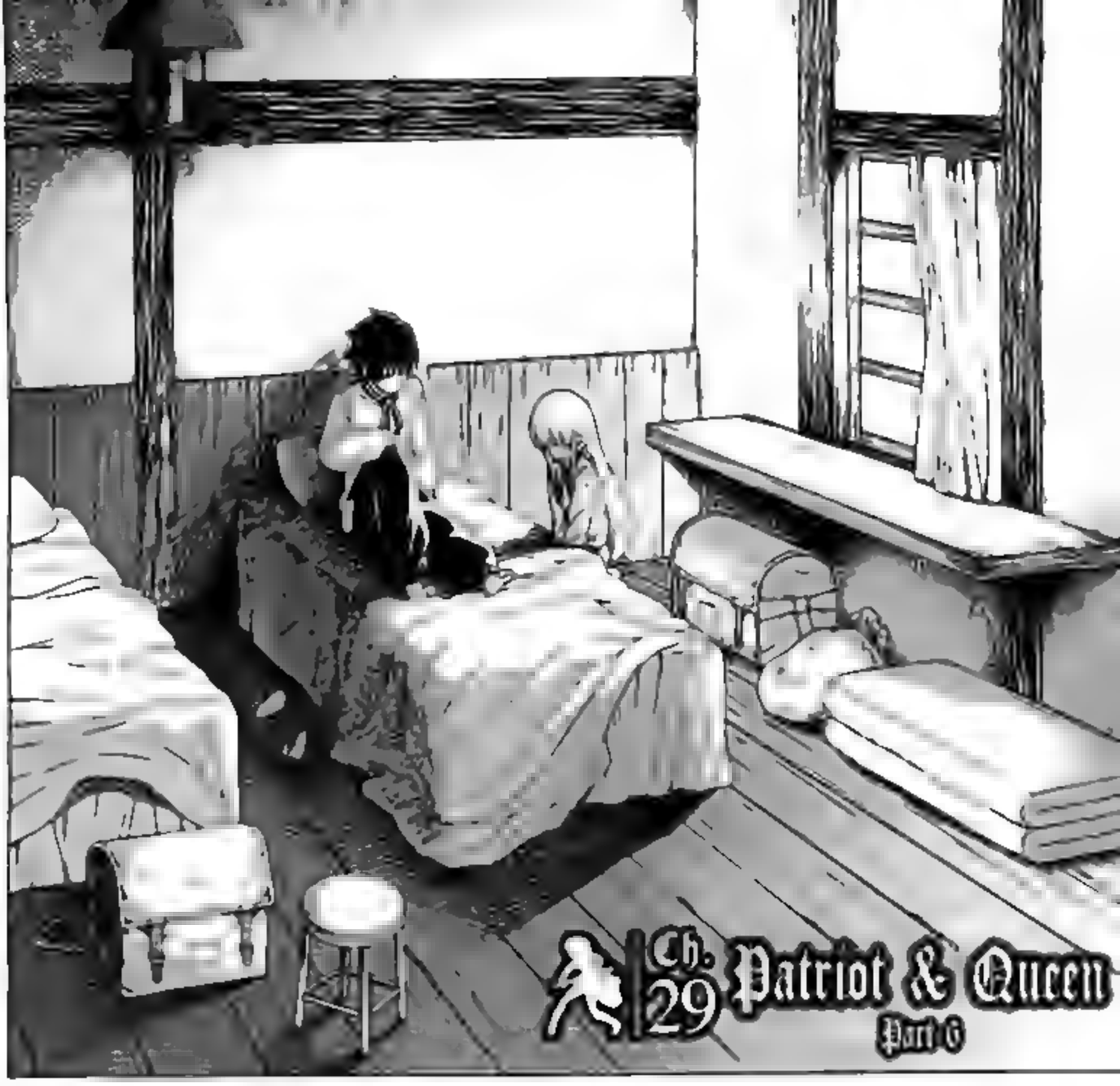
STRIKING FROM OVER 1000 TIMES RIGHT IN FRONT OF ONE'S FACE LEADS TO LOSS OF SIGHT

IT'S NOT UNCOMMON FOR THOSE ENGAGED IN THE BLADED ARTWORK TRADE TO BE ONE-EYED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...YES

THE CAUSE IS "DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION" THAT YOU DID WITH ME?

WHY...

THE DEMON OFFERS ITS "FLESH", THE PRACTITIONER HIS "SOUL"

"DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION" REQUIRES RECOMPENSE

WE HAVE ONCE SWORN HAVEN'T WE?

HE SAID THAT KATANAS BEING FORGED THAT WAY ENDED UP BRITTLE BECAUSE OF IT

BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE

HOWEVER, LUKE LIMITED THAT CONSUMPTION SO THAT THE RECOMPENSE DIDN'T MATERIALIZE

BUT TO THINK I WOULD LOSE EYESIGHT

THE TECHNIQUE WAS CONVENIENT, SO I USED IT LIGHTLY

I TRIED WEARING GLASSES, BUT IT WAS NO USE

"...THAT BOTH OF US WILL KEEP ON GOING INTO 'OBLIVION TOGETHER."

NO MATTER WHAT FORM IT TOOK AS IT KEPT EATING INTO YOU
YOU MUST'VE HAD SOME KIND OF A FEELING THAT YOU WERE LOSING YOUR EYESIGHT!
STOP LYING ALREADY!!
YOU KNEW IT, AND YET YOU CONTINUED TO USE IT-
WHY...
EVEN THOUGH WE SWORE TOGETHER...
ARE YOU THE ONLY ONE DISAPPEARING, LUKE!?
WHY...

BUT STILL, I'LL DEFINITELY USE "DEMON SWORD PURIFICATION" WHEN IT'S NECESSARY

I'VE ENDED UP WITH MANY THINGS I WANT TO PROTECT

YOU'RE ONE OF THEM, LISA

PLEASE

LET ME KEEP GOING INTO OBLIVION FROM HERE ON OUT AS WELL

HE COUNTED ME AS ONE OF THE THINGS HE WANTED TO PROTECT!!

FOR A LONG TIME LUKE THOUGHT OF ME WORRIED ABOUT ME PROTECTED ME

WHAT AM I DOING?

THAT'S RIGHT

I'LL GO TOO!

I'LL BOW MY HEAD AS MANY TIMES AS IT TAKES. THEY'LL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, AS FELLOW BLACKSMITHS_!

AND YET I_

WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING?

I_

I'LL GO ASK THE CRAFTS-MEN ONE MORE TIME!

WHAT LUKE'S APPRENTICE SHOULD BE DOING---

MASTER...

KNOCK KNOCK

.....

.....

OUR TECHNIQUES

WE'LL RETURN OUR SHARE OF THE DIVIDED CRAFT TO YOU

MASTER -SAN!

...

...COME TO THE WORKSHOP

BUT YOUR WORDS STRUCK HOME...

SURELY, YOU WILL CONVINCE US?

YOU'VE SAID MANY IMPERTINENT THINGS

YES

OF COURSE

BETWEEN SOFT STEEL WITH LOW CARBON CONTENT AND HARD STEEL WITH HIGH CARBON CONTENT?

WHEN WE FORGE A KATANA, DON'T WE SORT *TAMAHAGANE* BETWEEN *SHINGANE* AND *KAWAGANE*—

...I SEE

TL NOTE: SHINGANE = LIT HEART STEEL (CORE STEEL), KAWAGANE = LIT SKIN STEEL (OUTER STEEL)

MU NE
SHIN-GANE
KAWA-GANE
HA
THE SOFT SHINGANE FORMS THE CORE OF THE BLADE, AND IS COVERED WITH HARD KAWAGANE STARTING AT THE HA
TAMAHAGANE
THEN WE FORGE THEM SEPARATELY AND PUT THEM TOGETHER IN THE TSUKU-RIKOMI PHASE
YES, "SOFT" AND "HARD"

TL NOTE. HA = THE CUTTING SIDE OF THE BLADE,
MUNE = THE OPPOSITE (DULL) SIDE OF THE BLADE

SHINGANE AND KAWAGANE, AND ALSO HAGANE
THREE COMPO-NENTS ARE PREPARED
"HONSAN-MAI?"
BUT THE SACRED SWORDSMITHS PRACTICE SOMETHING ABOVE THAT, "HONSANMAI"
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S CALLED "KOUBUSE", RIGHT?

HAGANE = BLADE STEEL, LIT STEEL USED FOR THE BLADE'S HA

FWEH-
NO
THAT WAY, OUR KATANAS WILL BE SAME AS THE ONES THEY MAKE HERE
SO, WE TOO WILL...
MU NE
SHIN GANE
KAWA GANE
HA-GANE
HA
COMPARED TO "KOUBUSE", THE STRENGTH AND CUTTING POWER OF THE BLADE ARE A LEVEL HIGHER
IN MY FATHER'S AGE, THIS WAS NOT PASSED DOWN
HAGANE IS MADE OF STRONGEST TAMAHAGANE AND IS EVEN HARDER THAN KAWAGANE. IT'S USED IN THE HA PART OF THE BLADE.
KAWA GANE
SHINGANE IS USED SIMILARLY AS WITH "KOUBUSE" AND, TOGETHER WITH HAGANE, IT'S SANDWICHED FROM LEFT AND RIGHT BY KAWAGANE SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS
THAT'S "HON-SANMAI"

LUKE

ACTUALLY I HEARD ABOUT IT

THAT DURING THE THREE COUNTRY AND ONE CITY CONFERENCE THEY TESTED THE CUTTING POWER OF LUKE'S KATANA AGAINST THE MILITANT NATION'S KATANA

WE NEED SOMETHING BETTER STILL

THAT'S IT, I'M GOING TO SOME THING OUR NOW

BASICALLY; LUKE IS A HARD WORKER

BUT HE ALSO HAS A GENIUS SIDE TO HIM

DESPITE OF THE DIFFERENCE IN CONSTRUCTION LUKE'S SKILL AS A BLACKSMITH WAS AT A HIGHER LEVEL

THE FACT THAT LUKE'S KATANA WON MEANT THAT

YES

.....

MUNEGANE

I'LL ADD ANOTHER COMPONENT TO THE "HONSANMAI" CONSTRUCTION

A- A HIGHER LEVEL STILL?

AS THE NUMBER OF STEEL LAYERS RISES, THE BLADE'S SHARPNESS AND STURDINESS RISE AS WELL

BUT...

MU NE

MUNE GANE

SHIN GANE

KAWA GANE

KAWA GANE

HA

HA GANE

WHEN IT COMES TO NAMING, I'LL CALL IT "SHIHOUZUME"

IT'S A SHAPE TO BRING THE KATANA'S CUTTING POWER TO ITS UTMOST LIMIT!

MADE OUT OF EVEN SOFTER STEEL THAN **SHINGANE**, IT WILL BE PLACED IN THE **MUNE** PART OF A "**HONSANMAI**" BLADE

HAGANE, **MUNEGANE**, TWO **KAWAGANE** TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT --- A TOTAL OF FOUR COMPONENTS WITH **SHINGANE** WRAPPED UP IN THE MIDDLE, PROVIDING INCREASED ABSORPTION OF IMPACT ENERGY

THIS IS AN AMAZING NUMBER OF REPETITIONS, *WILL MY PHYSICAL STRENGTH BE UP TO THE TASK...!?*

.....

SHINGANE, **HAGANE**, **MUNEGANE**, TWO **KAWAGANE** LAYERS, EACH FORGED WHILE FOLDING *THEM MORE THAN TEN TIMES!?*

FIFTEEN!

UNTIL NOW, I'VE FOLDED EACH LAYER AT MOST SEVEN TIMES, BUT NEXT TIME I'LL MAKE IT MORE THAN TEN

AND FIFTEEN TIMES FOR HAGANE

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF FOLDINGS WILL DEFINITELY BRING OUT SYNERGY

NO DOUBT

I'VE DISCOVERED A NEW STYLE CALLED "SHIHOU-ZUME"

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS?

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MATCH ME BREATH FOR BREATH

THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS

BECAUSE I WON'T GO EASY ON YOU

SO I'LL NEED YOU, MY APPRENTICE, TO PUSH YOURSELF HARD

..BUT, WITH MY BODY---

WE WILL GO INTO OBLIVION TOGETHER

DON'T FORGET

LU-LUKE?

.....

ALTHOUGH THAT'S GOTTEN PRETTY ONE-SIDED FOR ME

BUT THE OATH I SWORE WITH YOU SO LONG AGO WAS NOT A LIE

"GOING INTO OBLIVION TOGETHER" MEANS

I WILL...

"CONTINUE BEING TOGETHER"

BECOME YOUR EYES

AND I ONLY HAVE ONE MASTER IN THIS WORLD AS WELL!

THERE'S ONLY ONE APPRENTICE FOR ME IN THIS WORLD

YES!!

ALRIGHT, LET'S BORROW A FURNACE AT ONCE AND GET TO WORK

---I'LL MAKE IT IN TIME

"SOMEDAY I WILL SURELY SLAY VALBANILL WITH LUKE'S KATANA---"

"CAN'T YOU DO IT?"

"LUKE AINSWORTH"

SUCH A BOTHER, REALLY...

SPEAKING OF WHICH, ARE THINGS GOING WELL FOR HER?

I WONDER IF LUKE IS WELL...

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

CECILY'S LOVE STORY!!

ZENOBIA!?

EHHH!?

WHAT DID YOU SAY!?

IS THAT REALLY TRUE, CHA-CHA- CHAR-LOTTE!?

LUKE AND I DON'T HAVE *THAT KIND* OF A RELA-TIONSHIP!

WHEN IT COMES TO MY PARTNER, IT SHOULD RATHER BE LEFT UNSAID

SHOULD BE LEFT UNSAID!?

I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM TO-GETHER MUCH...

ARIA!

YOU JUST WHISPERED A NAME SWEETLY, IT HAS TO BE ABOUT A MAN!

I- IT'S NOT TRUE!

IT'S A MISUN-DER-STAND-ING

ARE YOU PLAYING INNO-CENT!?

WH... WHAT IS THIS ABOUT...?

AH, DON'T TELL ME!

DURING THAT BALL, WHEN LISA AND I WERE AWAY..

THE TWO OF YOU ALONE!?

W- WE'VE ONLY DANCED ONCE..

DANCED!? WHEN?

THERE HAS TO BE SOME BITTERSWEET STORY BETWEEN YOU AND SIR BLACKSMITH!

SPIT IT OUT!!

BUT STILL, CECILY DOESN'T THIS LOOK LIKE YOUR UNRE-QUITED LOVE?

W- WE GOT A LITTLE OVEREX-CITED

hee hee

EE-EEEE K!!

THEN ANSWER THIS, WHAT IS THAT MAN TO YOU?

U- U- U- UN- UNRE- QUITED...

TO ME...

TO ME, HE IS...

.....

. WHAT IS LUKE TO ME?

.....

I'M VERY SORRY, BUT WE HAVE VISITORS

AND WE JUST GOT TO THE GOOD PART!

WHAT?

VISI TORS?

EXCUSE ME, ZENOBIA-SAMA

INDEED

WHILE IT MAY BE PRE-SUMPTUOUS OF ME, I'D LIKE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCE-MENT

IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER YOU SAID?

WHA...

THE EMPIRE AND THE CROWD POWER HAVE UNITED

IF IT IS TRUE, IT MEANS THAT YOU'VE SEIZED *TWO THIRDS OF THE CONTINENT'S TERRITORY*

THIS IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE

SURELY IT'S ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE MILITANT NATION'S REPRESENTATIVES?

IF THIS MATTER INVOLVES THE CONTINENTAL LAW COMMITTEE, THEN AT LEAST A *PRIOR NOTIFICATION*—

IT'S A SERIOUS MATTER THAT WILL SHAKE THE CONTINENT'S *PRESENT ORDER*

THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES AND THE MILITANT NATION HAVE BEEN COLLUDING ALREADY

THIS UNION IS ALSO TO PREPARE FOR THE VALBANILL WAR

FROM NOW ON, ANY REQUEST WE MAKE OF YOU IS A MATTER OF RIGHTS BETWEEN NATIONS

WE'RE AWARE THAT THE EMPIRE HAS HIJACKED THE COMMITTEE THAT HELD THE HIGHEST POWER

BUT WHAT ARE THEY PLANNING BY GOING THAT FAR?

IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE CAN'T BE PERTURBED HERE

YOU.

THROUGH THIS UNION, THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER IS FORMING UP TO BATTLE AGAINST VALBANILL

...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THAT?

TO ASK YOUR NATION TO TRANSFER ALL YOUR RIGHTS FROM THE VALBANILL WAR TO US

WE ALONE ARE SUFFICIENT FOR THIS... IN FACT, THE PARTICIPATION OF ANY OTHER POWER WOULD BE NOTHING BUT A HINDRANCE---

WE ARE FORCED

……

SO THIS IS OUR PROPOSAL

NATU-RALLY

IS THAT A THREAT!?

THERE'S NO WAY ANYONE WOULD ACCEPT SUCH A DEMAND!!

D- DON'T MESS AROUND!

A BATTLE... YOU SAID!?

LET US HOLD A BATTLE WITH THE RIGHTS I JUST MENTIONED WAGERED ON ITS OUTCOME

SAME AS US, SURELY YOUR COUNTRY TOO IS CONSIDERING CLOSE COMBAT BATTLE FORMATIONS TO USE

...ISN'T THIS THE PERFECT CHANCE?

DUE TO THE FACT THAT VALBANILL LIVES DEEP INSIDE A VOLCANO, WEAPONS SUCH AS SWORDS AND SPEARS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST IT

WE'LL TRANSFER THE RIGHTS BASED ON ITS OUTCOME

IT WILL BE A TRUE COMPARISON OF STRENGTH BETWEEN THE MILITANT NATION AND THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER

A BATTLE BETWEEN BOTH PARTIES THAT HAVE BEEN PREPARING COMBAT POWER FOR THE WAR AGAINST VALBANILL---

IF YOU REFUSE, IT MEANS WAR

THAT IS OUR PROPOSAL

H_ HAVE YOU GONE MAD!?

??

AN INSANE NATION...

WE'LL NEED SOME TIME TO CONSIDER...

...WE CAN'T PROVIDE AN IMME-DIATE REPLY...

WHAT...

SHOULD I DO?

THERE'S NO DOUBT THIS WOMAN SOLDIER KNOWS THAT ANY CONSIDERATION IS FUTILE

THE LITTLE QUEEN ANNOUNCED THEIR AGREEMENT TO BATTLE

THE FOLLOWING MORNING WAS SPENT IN MEETINGS WITH THE NATION'S LEADERSHIP

THE BATTLE
AGAINST EVIL
WAS RAGING
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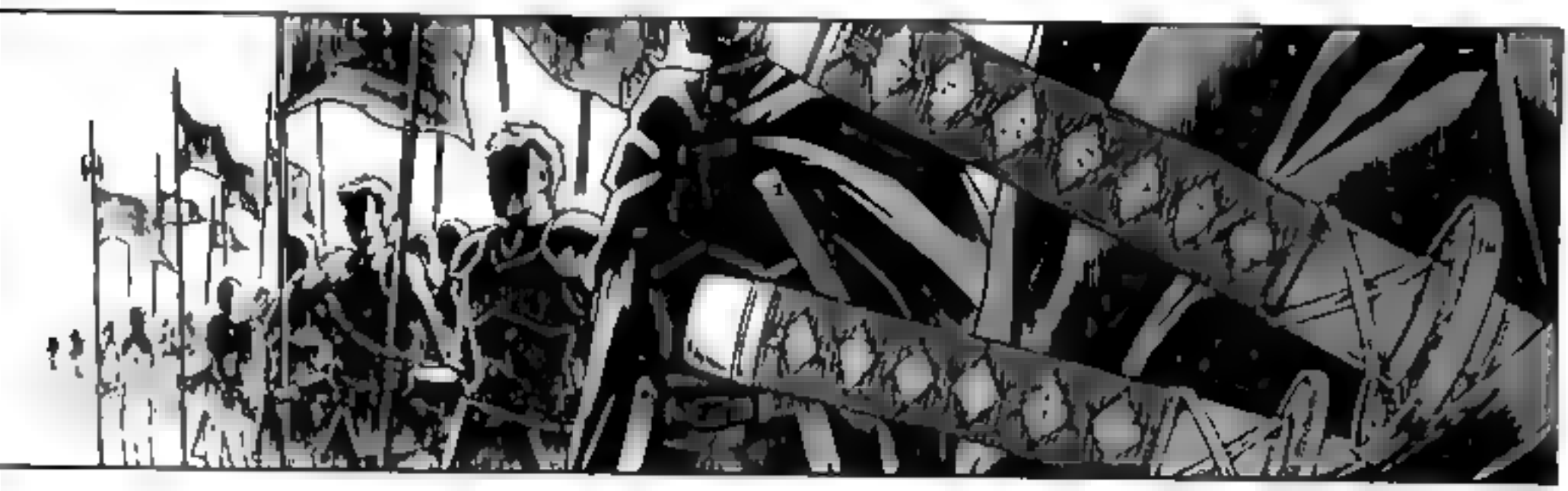

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I'M PUTTING OUT AN ORDER FOR ASSIS-TANCE!
IF YOU FEEL YOU'RE QUALIFIED AND YOU WANT TO HELP OUT
CXC SCANS IS CURRENTLY LOOKING TO FILL STAFF POSITIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THEIR OUTPUT OF MANGA
THEN APPLY TODAY!

CXC SCANS IS LOOKING FOR STAFF!

THERE ARE CURRENTLY POSITIONS OPEN
FOR THE FOLLOWING JOBS:

J>E TRANSLATING
TYPESETTING

IF YOU'RE CONFIDENT IN THE POSITION
AND DEDICATED TO WORK, THEN WE'LL
GLADLY WELCOME YOU ABOARD!
REGISTER AND APPLY ON OUR
FORUMS AT CXCSCANS.COM
OR ASK [CROSS] ON OUR IRC CHANNEL,
AT #CXC@IRCHIGHWAY.NET

THE COMBAT FORCE THE IMPERIAL ALLIED POWER PREPARED FOR THE VALBANILL WAR

IT WAS. . .

A FORCE OF UNHUMAN WEAPONS---

第130話 Patriot & Queen

戦闘妖精少女王・7

THE ELITE PREPARED FOR THE BATTLE AGAINST VALBANILL COULDN'T EVEN MAKE A DENT

A ONE-SIDED MASSACRE BEGAN

Guhaaah!!

Guh!

Orrrgh!!

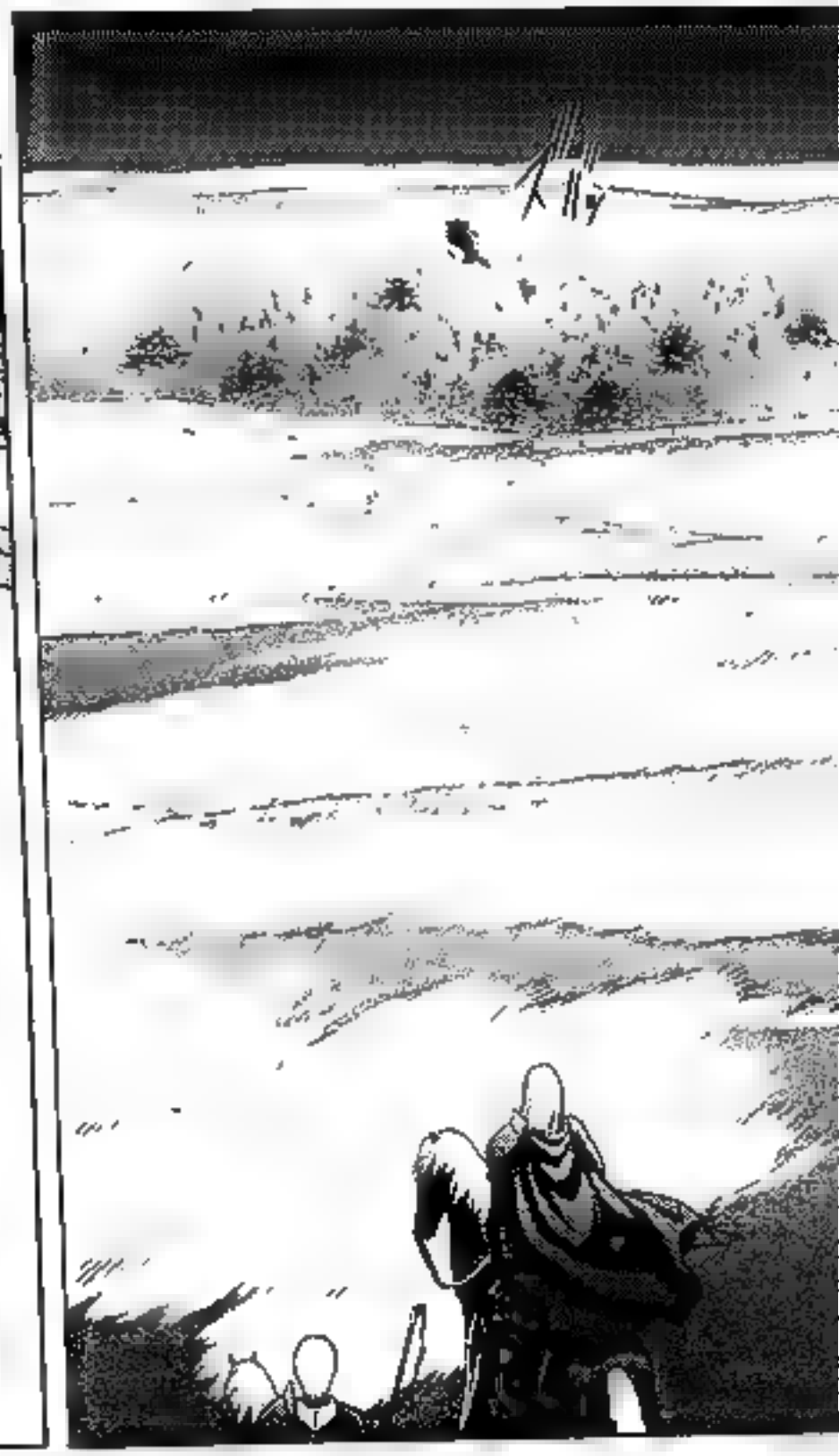
THE ENEMY IS VALBA-NILL

IT'S NOT A BEAST THE LIKES OF HUMANS CAN DO ANYTHING AGAINST

THEN SHOULDN'T WE ABANDON COMMON SENSE AS WELL?

A TOTAL OF SEVENTEEN HAVE BEEN TRAINED UP TO THE COMMANDER LEVEL

WELL, THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH AGAINST HUMANS



SEE THE WHOLE BODY!

READ TWO OR THREE STEPS AHEAD, AND STRIKE FIRST!

I WAS UTTERLY OVERWHELMED BEFORE THE FIGHT

---BUT WHY?

TO ME, LUKE IS...

HAHA HAHA HA!!

HA!

WITH ONE LOOK AT LUKE'S BACK, SOMETHING LIKE THAT GETS BLOWN AWAY!

I'LL BE SURE TO KILL YOU

BECAUSE

SIEG-FRIED!

BECAUSE YOU RAISED YOUR HAND AGAINST THE WOMAN THAT NO ONE SHOULD EVER RAISE A HAND AGAINST!!

IN THE END ---

DUE TO CECILY AND LUKE'S INTERVEN-TION, THE BATTLE WAS LEFT UNDECIDED

SEE TO THE WOUNDED

HURRY!

YES

THEY... HAVE FINALLY BEGUN TO SHOW THEIR TRUE FACE

YES

IT SEEMS THAT SIEGFRIED HAS LEFT

...MAYBE I'VE REALIZED IT

"THEN ANSWER THIS, WHAT IS THAT MAN TO YOU?"

MY HERO

"LUKE IS

I ADMIRE HIM SO MUCH IT VEXES ME

I CAN'T STOP MY BURNING PASSION FROM YEARNING FOR HIM

IT'S AN AMAZING KATANA

IT'S THE BEST MASTER-PIECE

THAT I'VE EVER CREATED

BUT IT'S NOT YET INSCRIBED

WHEN I...

MAKE A SWORD WORTHY OF GIVING TO YOU, I'LL INSCRIBE IT

I'VE BROKEN THROUGH ALREADY...!

A FEW DAYS LATER ---

WE PART RELUC-TANTLY

SORRY FOR HAVING TO RUSH

WELL, IN THE END IT WAS UNDECIDED ...

BUT BECAUSE ZENOB A-SAMA CORRECTLY SURM SED THAT THE ENEMY ARMY WOULD BE COMPOSED OF UNHUMANS, IT WAS EASY TO COME UP WITH APPROPRIATE TACTICS

"IF WE WIN WITH OUR STRENGTH, THEN THE CITY WILL BE ENTRUSTED WITH THE VALBANILL WAR RIGHTS!"

THE EXTRA-ORDINARY "VALBANILL CONFERENCE" HAS BEEN SET

WE MUST HURRY W TH THE PREPA-RAT.ONS!

BUT STILL, THAT PROCLA-MATION WAS ASTONI-SHING

WE'LL SWEAR THIS

THE MILITANT NATION WILL FULLY COOPERATE WITH THE INDEPENDENT TRADE CITIES

LET'S MEET AGAIN AT THE CONFERENCE, CECILY!

THAT'S WHY... WE WANT YOU TO BE REMAIN OUR FRIEND FROM NOW ON

THE SACRED SWORD'S SHEATH ---...

NO, IT SHOULDN'T BE SAID JUST NOW

THAT, AND...

YEAH

TOO MUCH, ACTUALLY

REALLY, SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED

THE DESTINY THAT AWAITS YOU...

THE DUTY OF THE CAMBELL FAMILY

THIS'LL MAKE A GOOD STORY

THERE MIGHT NOT BE MANY SUCH OPPORTU-NITIES FROM NOW ON

BECAUSE MY MOTHER NORMALLY WANTS ME TO WEAR ONE

TRULY

IT WAS ALSO A VALUABLE EXPERIENCE WEARING A DRESS

I'M SURE SHE'LL BE VEXED THAT SHE COULDN'T SEE ME WEARING IT---

HMHH

IF I COULD, I WANTED H.M TO SEE ME EVEN WITH A SINGLE EYE---

WHAT A WASTE

UH, NO, I'M NOT BE.NG CONCEITED

---LUKE HASN'T SEEN ME WEAR IT EVEN ONCE!!

"BECAUSE YOU RAISED YOUR HAND AGAINST THE WOMAN THAT NO ONE SHOULD EVER RAISE A HAND AGAINST"

THE TRUE MEANING OF THOSE WORDS

I WANT TO ASK SOME-THING...

UMM ...

SAY, LUKE...

"---TO ME, LUKE IS..."

THEN EVERYTHING FINALLY BECOMES CLEAR

IF THEY MEANT WHAT I THINK THEY DID

THESE FEELINGS... WILL SUBLIMATE TO THEIR HIGHEST FORM!..

HEY, WHAT IS IT?

EH

.....

EH?

UH... UWAH!?

YOU'VE GOT A NOSEBLEED!

!

I WORE A DRESS

LUKE

JUST SLEEP

...ARE YOU ALRIGHT?

YOU WON'T WEAR IT AGAIN?

HAHA

YOU WANT TO SEE?

I DO

to be continued...

The Sacred Blacksmith

聖剣の刀鍛冶（ブラックスミス）

Private Blasmi School
私立ブラスミ学園

TEST.

名前 Seshiri

I'LL HAND BACK THE TESTS~~~!

TL NOTE: THE NAME WAS SPELLED WITH THE CHARACTERS FOR BACK AND BUTT RATHER THAN PHONETICALLY

Q1. ☐ Fill in the blanks

"Demon Contract"

It's a phenomenon where demons

in the air feed on human farts

and cause a huge explosion

C-NOTE: FYI, IN JAPAN, A CHECK MARK MEANS IT'S WRONG. CIRCLE MEANS IT'S CORRECT MARU!

0 POINTS!

Q2. The name of the second Housman's wife is

A. Hannibal uh oh!

Q3. Where on the human body is the death word engraved?

A. Butt

BECAUSE I'M NOT VERY BRIGHT

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LOVE LETTER?

"TO CECILY"

Letter of Challenge

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COULD IT BE... A LOVE LETTER!?

That Luke

THERE'S A LETTER IN MY SHOE BOX!?

EH!?

"WE HATE GIRLS WITH BIG BREASTS"

YOU'RE TOO CONCEITED. WE'LL BRING YOU DOWN. COME TO THE ROOF AFTER SCHOOL."

"DON'T RUN AWAY!"

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND IF WE JUST TALK!!

The secret is a push-up bra

LUKE-SENPAI...

UMM...

ERR...

UMM

UH...

ドキドキ

OH?

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE INTER-HIGH MEET!!

C...

LISA IS CONFESSING TO LUKE ---!?

WHAAA!!

WHAT KIND OF A COMPETITION IS THAT!?

IN THE SEMI-FINALS... WHEN YOU WERE TOTALLY MARKED AND CORNERED BY THREE ALCHEMISTS, YOU WERE SPEWING FIRE OUT OF YOUR NOSTRILS AS YOU WERE FORGE-FOLDING FOUR KATANAS. SENPAI, THE IMAGE OF YOU BACK THEN IS BEFORE MY EYES EVEN NOW!!

FIRE FROM THE NOSE!?

THE SMI-THING CLUB!?

WITH THE SMITHING CLUB!

Let's Go!!

PLEASE LET ME CHEER FOR YOU AS A MEMBER OF THE CHEERLEADING CLUB!

LUKE-SENPAI, FIGHT ♡

TL NOTE: THE SONG IN THE BACKGROUND IS "MIRACLE HAPPY DAY", THE ENDING THEME OF THE SACRED BLACKSMITH ANIME.

MIRACLE HAPPY DAAAAY♪

DOES IT.. LOOK GOOD?

D...

WHAT WAS I EXPECTING?

THERE'S NO WAY SENPAI WOULD KNOW AN ANIME SONG...

---I'M SUCH AN IDIOT

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A CUP-CAKE!?

EAT IT WITH CARE

THE EXPIRATION DATE IS TODAY

WHAT THE HELL!!?

SHE'S LATE!!

I'M DROOL-ING!!